



4-H

**YOUR CONNECTION
to the
UNIVERSITY OF
NEBRASKA-LINCOLN**



**JOIN  THE
REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY**



Strong Roots, Promising Future

Revolutionizing
Nebraska's Youth!



Did You Know?

- ▶ 4-H is the nation's **largest** youth development organization
- ▶ 4-H can be found in **all 93 counties** across Nebraska
- ▶ Over **42,000** Nebraska youth are members of a 4-H club
- ▶ 1 in 3 age-eligible youth in Nebraska are 4-Hers – that's almost **140,000 youth!**
- ▶ **12,000 volunteers** share their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H
- ▶ Nearly **10,000** youth and adults participate in 4-H camping programs

What is 4-H?

4-H is a community of young people, ages 5-19, across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H is education for life that uses a learn-by-doing approach.

4-H has a lot to offer. Join and discover:

▶ Lifetime Benefit – Strong roots, promising future

For over 100 years, youth and adults have been working together – learning, doing, growing, and serving. 4-H prepares young people for higher education and potential careers. 4-H does this by emphasizing life skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, serving others, as well as managing change.

▶ Connection with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln

In Nebraska, 4-H is provided through University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in cooperation with county governing boards, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL), and the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H project resources are developed by University of Nebraska staff using the latest research.

▶ Customizable Experience – 4-H offers over 150 different projects

Traditional clubs, camps, after school groups, school enrichment, and programs/events are all ways youth across Nebraska can be involved with the 4-H program. Woven throughout each 4-H project area are hands-on opportunities for Nebraska 4-H'ers to learn about science, agricultural literacy, career development and college readiness, citizenship and leadership, as well as healthy living.

▶ 4-H is for the family

4-H is more than an activity for youth; it can be a shared experience for the whole family! Parents, siblings, and relatives can have fun, discover, care, and grow along with their 4-H youth. Adult volunteers can lead clubs, lend their expertise to particular project areas, and serve on teams with other volunteers. By making 4-H a family affair, thousands of families enjoy quality time together.

▶ 4-H gives back – We are a revolution

Nebraska youth are becoming leaders who create change right in their own backyard! Nebraska 4-H encourages youth to give back to the communities that have helped them succeed and grow. Through various community service efforts around the state, 4-H clubs have donated countless dollars and volunteered thousands of hours using skills and knowledge learned through 4-H.



How to Join

Visit your local UNL Extension Office or visit 4h.unl.edu/moreinfo



What Can Nebraska 4-H Do for You?

Turning ideas into action, 4-H youth are becoming everyday heroes who persevere through challenges to leave lasting, positive impacts on their communities. Through the work of caring mentors, 4-H is cultivating a growing number of America's youth to lead us in a Revolution of Responsibility. Their commitment challenges us all to join the movement toward meaningful change.

By taking part in the Nebraska 4-H Revolution, youth are preparing for a successful future by focusing on 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development and College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living.

Career Development and College Readiness

- ▶ Nebraska 4-H prepares youth to make informed decisions about their college and career path and develops skills in young people that will lead to greater persistence in college and employability.

4-H Science

- ▶ Nebraska 4-H develops science interests, skills, and abilities in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental stewardship, and technology.

Agricultural Literacy

- ▶ Nebraska 4-H ensures that youth have knowledge and an appreciation of Nebraska's largest industry.

Citizenship and Leadership

- ▶ Nebraska 4-H fosters youth's commitment to their communities and grows future leaders.

Healthy Living

- ▶ Nebraska 4-H educates youth about how to make healthy and safe decisions in their daily lives.





Nebraska **4-H** youth ^{are} uniquely prepared to **step up** to the **challenges** of a complex, changing **world.**



Take a look at what some of our former 4-H'ers have said about their 4-H experience:

“ The 4-H child development project increased my knowledge and developed my interest in working with children, and I am now pursuing an Elementary Education degree. ”

“ Through my 4-H projects I have learned specific skills I will use in my future job. ”

“ 4-H has shown me what my future career and education will actually be like. It has convinced me to work hard in school to be able to achieve my goals. ”

“ Ten years in 4-H has shown me how to turn something I love into a source of income. ”

“ My 4-H participation played a significant role in my decision to go to UNL. I knew that I was interested in photography and that I wanted to go to a good journalism school and become a well-rounded individual. ”



4-H *is your* first class at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln



Participating in the 4-H program provides youth with the opportunity to enroll in their “first class” at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. As an extension of UNL, 4-H offers youth unique advantages that will better prepare them for the future.

- ▶ **Extension of Resources:** All Nebraska 4-H curricula and materials are developed by UNL Extension staff in conjunction with UNL faculty researchers
- ▶ **Experience Campus:** Through participation in 4-H contests and events held at UNL, youth become comfortable with City and East campus
- ▶ **Scholarships:** Multiple UNL scholarships are made available exclusively for Nebraska 4-H'ers and professors
- ▶ **Existing Network:** Through 4-H, youth develop relationships with peers and UNL faculty and staff that aid in the transition from a 4-H'er to a UNL student
- ▶ **Next Steps:** UNL provides opportunities to take 4-H projects to the next level through undergraduate research projects and a diverse selection of academic programs



Did You Know?

- ▶ Youth engaged in 4-H are ...
 - Nearly two times more likely to get **better grades** in school
 - Nearly two times more likely to plan to **go to college**
- ▶ More than **95%** of Nebraska 4-H'ers plan to **pursue higher education**; 80% of these youth plan to stay in Nebraska to do so
- ▶ **65%** of Nebraska high school seniors felt their **4-H project impacted their college decision**
- ▶ More and more jobs will require **further education** beyond a high school diploma
 - By 2018, **66%** of jobs in Nebraska will require post-secondary education; this is 3% higher than the national average
 - On average, college graduates earn two times more than individuals with only a high school diploma

What Can **UNL** Offer You?

With nearly 150 majors and specialized programs of study to match any interest area, the opportunity for hands-on experience through our nationally-acclaimed undergraduate research program, and a campus located at the heart of an innovative, college city community - the University of Nebraska–Lincoln offers the ideal Big Ten collegiate experience for students at an affordable cost.

Don't miss your opportunity to become a Husker! – visit admissions.unl.edu

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College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR)

Explore the Science of Life

- Preparing students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership, food to forensic science

The CASNR Advantage

- Substantial scholarship and loan opportunities
- One-on-one faculty mentoring and research opportunities
- Individualized student support
- Unique education abroad experiences supported by scholarship opportunities
- Numerous clubs and student organizations
- Internships and career opportunities with major companies and organizations
- Guaranteed job offers

College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS)

Your Passion, Our Purpose

- Strengthening the lives of individuals, families, schools, and communities

We Encourage

- Personal attention and professional advisors from world-class faculty
- Nationally recognized programs and career-enhancing experiences
- Explore your passion to its fullest potential

We Engage

- Find mentors and colleagues for life
- Work closely with peers and professors to help each other succeed

We Empower

- Working side by side with cooperating teachers in their classrooms or with faculty on a research project
- Internship and study abroad opportunities
- Focused on turning your passion into a lifelong career





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